105TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 853

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the effect that a tax system comprised of a 10 percent Federal consumption tax and a 10 percent flat Federal income tax would have on the Federal Government and the United States economy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 26, 1997

Mr. Traficant introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. STUDY OF TAX SYSTEM COMPRISED OF CON-

- 2 SUMPTION TAX AND FLAT INCOME TAX.
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
- 4 United States shall study the effect that a tax system com-
- 5 prised of a 10 percent Federal consumption tax and a 10
- 6 percent flat Federal income tax would have on—
- 7 (1) revenues to the United States Government,
- 8 including the effect on the annual budget deficit,
- 9 and
- 10 (2) the economy of the United States.
- 11 (b) Matters Affecting the Study.—In conduct-
- 12 ing the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller Gen-
- 13 eral shall assume no exclusions, deductions, or credits
- 14 other than those in connection with a trade or business
- 15 and the standard deduction, the personal exemption, inter-
- 16 est on indebtedness to acquire a principal residence, and
- 17 payments made for college tuition.
- 18 (c) Variance of Rates.—For purposes of para-
- 19 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), the Comptroller Gen-
- 20 eral shall also study the effect if the rates of tax referred
- 21 to in subsection (a) are varied over time but raise the same
- 22 revenue as the tax system in effect on the date of the en-
- 23 actment of this Act.

- 1 (d) Submission to Congress.—Not later than one
- 2 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
- 3 troller General shall submit to the Congress a report con-

4 cerning the study under subsection (a).

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